

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) Agent An agent for oxidative treatment ~~containing~~ comprising

- a) at least one oxidant
 - b) at least one peroxide stabilizer,
 - c) at least one polymer thickener selected from the groups of
 - (i) copolymers of acrylic acid,
 - (ii) polymers with propyleneoxy groups,
 - (iii) copolymers of vinylpyrrolidone,
 - (iv) hydroxyalkylstarch phosphates and
 - (v) alkali metal magnesium silicates
- and
- d) water or an aqueous solvent

wherein the agent is transparent.

2. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in claim 1, characterized in that it wherein the agent is in the form of a gel.

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that wherein the oxidant is selected selected from among the group consisting of hydrogen peroxide, alkali metal bromates, alkaline earth metal bromates, ammonium bromate, alkali metal persulfates, alkaline earth metal persulfates, ammonium persulfate, alkali metal perborates, alkaline earth metal perborates, ammonium perborate, alkali metal

percarbonates, alkaline earth metal percarbonates, calcium peroxide and ~~so-dium~~ sodium iodate.

5. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterized in that it ~~wherein the agent~~ contains a ~~bro-mate~~ bromate as the oxidant and has a pH between 7 and 8.5.

6. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that it ~~wherein the agent~~ has a pH of 2 to 6.

7. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in one of Claims 1 to 6, characterized in that it ~~wherein the agent~~ contains the oxi-dant in an amount from 0.1 to 25 weight percent.

8. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in one of Claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the stabilizer is se-lected from among dialkali metal hydrogen phosphates, p-acetamidophenol, hydroxyqui-noline salts, salicylic acid and salts thereof, 1-hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid, tetrasodium 1-hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonate, tetrasodium iminodisuccinate, ethylene-diaminetetraacetic acid tetrasodium salt and N-(4-ethoxyphenyl)acetamide.

9. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in one of Claims 1 to 8, characterized in that it ~~wherein the agent~~ contains the stabi-lizer in an amount from 0.01 to 2 weight percent.

10. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in one of Claims 1 to 9, characterized in that the stabilizer is a 2-component combination, the combination being selected from the following:

EDITRONIC ACID and SALICYLIC ACID,

EDITRONIC ACID and DISODIUM PHOSPHATE,

TETRASODIUM EDITRONATE and SALICYLIC ACID,

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TETRASODIUM EDITRONATE and DISODIUM PHOSPHATE.

11. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, characterized in that it contains the ~~stabi-lizer~~ wherein the stabilizer is present in an amount of from 0.1 to 0.3 wt.% and that the stabilizer is selected from among ~~TE-~~ TETRASODIUM the group consisting of TETRASODIUM EDITRONATE, SALICYLIC ACID and EDITRONIC ACID.

12. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 11~~ claim 1, characterized in that wherein the polymer ~~thick-ener~~ thickener is selected from the following ~~table~~ group consisting of: ACRYLATES COPOLYMER; ACRYLATES/C10-30 ALKYL ACRYLATE CROSSPOLYMER; ACRYLATES/ACRYLAMIDE COPOLYMER; AMMONIUM ACRYLOYLDIMETHYLTaurate/BEHENETH-25 METHACRYLATE COPOLYMER; AMMONIUM ACRYLOYLDIMETHYLTaurate/VP COPOLYMER; CARBOMER; HYDROXYPROPYL STARCH PHOSPHATE; POLYQUATERNIUM-44; POLYQUATERNIUM-37; POLYQUATERNIUM-37, MINERAL OIL, SORBITAN OLEATE, PEG-1/PPG-6 TRIDECETH 6, C10-12 ALKANE/CYCLOALKANE; POLYQUATERNIUM- 37, SORBITANE OLEATE, PROPYLENE GLYCOL DICAPRYLATE/DICAPRATE, PPG-1 TRIDECETH-6, C10-12 ALKANE/CYCLOALKANE; and SODIUM MAGNESIUM SILICATE.

No.	INCI/CTFA NAME	Chemical Designation
(8)	ACRYLATES COPOLYMER	Copolymer of acrylic acid and methacrylic acid or of simple esters thereof
(9)	ACRYLATES/C10-30 ALKYL ACRYLATE CROSSPOLYMER	Copolymer of C ₁₀₋₃₀ alkyl acrylate and acrylic acid, methacrylic acid or simple esters thereof, crosslinked with an allyl ether of sucrose or an allyl ether of pentaerythritol
(10)	ACRYLATES/ACRYLAMIDE CO-	Copolymer of acrylamide and acrylic acid,

	POLYMER	methacrylic acid or simple esters thereof (CAS No. 9003-06-9)
(11)	AMMONIUM ACRYLOYLDIMETHYLTAURATE/BEHENETH-25 METHACRYLATE COPOLYMER	Copolymer of ammonium acryloyldimethyltaurate and Beheneth-25 methacrylate
(12)	AMMONIUM ACRYLOYLDIMETHYLTAURATE/VP COPOLYMER	Copolymer of ammonium acryloyldimethyltaurate and vinylpyrrolidone
(13)	CARBOMER	Homopolymer of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, crosslinked with an allyl ether of sucrose, of pentaerythritol or of propylene
(14)	HYDROXYPROPYL STARCH PHOSPHATE	Hydroxypropyl ether of distarch phosphate
(15)	POLYQUATERNIUM-44	Copolymer of 3-methyl-1-vinyl-1H-imidazolium methylsulfate and 1-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone
(16)	POLYQUATERNIUM-37	N,N,N-Trimethyl-2-[(methyl-1-keto-2-propenyl)oxy] chloride homopolymer
(17)	POLYQUATERNIUM-37, MINERAL OIL, SORBITAN OLEATE, PEG-1/PPG-6 TRIDECETH-6, C10-12 ALKANE/CYCLOALKANE	Mixture of N,N,N-trimethyl-2-[(methyl-1-keto-2-propenyl)oxy] chloride homopolymer, sorbitan monooleate, polyethylene glycol/polypropylene glycol tridecyl ether, C ₁₀₋₁₂ alkanes and cycloalkanes (CAS 64742-48-9)
(18)	POLYQUATERNIUM-37, SORBITANE OLEATE, PROPYLENE GLYCOL DICAPRYLATE/DICAPRATE, PPG-1 TRIDECETH-6, C10-12 ALKANE/CYCLOALKANE	Mixture of N,N,N-trimethyl-2-[(methyl-1-keto-2-propenyl)oxy] chloride homopolymer, sorbitan monooleate, propylene glycol dicaprylate (EINECS 271-516-3), polypropylene glycol tridecyl ether, C ₁₀₋₁₂ alkanes and cycloalkanes (CAS 64742-48-9)
(19)	SODIUM MAGNESIUM SILICATE	Sodium magnesium silicate

13. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in one of Claims 1 to 12, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the agent contains the po-lymer thickener in an amount from 0.1 to 5.0 weight percent.

14. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in one of Claims 1 to 13, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the agent contains water in an amount from 50 to 98 wt.%.

15. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in one of Claims 1 to 14, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the agent contains an al-cohol alcohol in an amount from 1 to 20 wt.%.

16. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in Claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the alcohol is 1,2,3-propane-triol 1,2,3-propanetriol.

17. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in one of Claims 1 to 16, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the agent contains at least one cationic polymer.

18. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 17~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the agent contains at least one amphoteric surface-active compound selected from the group consisting of the carboxyl derivatives of imida-zole imidazole, N-alkylamidobetains, N-alkylsulfobetains, N-alkylaminopropionates, alkyl-dimethyl-carboxymethylammonium salts with 12 to 18 carbon atoms and fatty acid ~~alkylamidobe-tains~~ alkylamidobetains.

19. (currently amended) Agent The agent as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 18~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the agent has a viscosity of 100 to 30,000 mPa s measured at 25 °C with a VT 550 Haake Rotational Viscometer at a shearing rate of 12.9 per second.

20. (currently amended) ~~Agent~~ The agent as defined in ~~one of Claims 1 to 19, claim 1~~
~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the agent is in the form of a 2-component preparation and
is prepared just before use by mixing the pure polymer ~~thi-ckener~~ thickener or a
composition containing the polymer thickener (Component 1) with an ~~aque-ous~~ aqueous
hydrogen peroxide solution (Component 2).